



**Champaign County Board
Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC)
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed 1/9/14

DATE: Thursday, December 5, 2013
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present	Absent
Ralph Langenheim (Chair)	
Aaron Esry (Vice Chair)	
Astrid Berkson	
Stan Harper	
	Alan Kurtz
Pattsi Petrie	
Jon Schroeder	

County Staff: Deb Busey (County Administrator), John Hall (Director of Planning & Zoning), Beth Brunk (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: John Jay (Champaign Co Board), Scott Tess (Urbana Public Works), Susan Monte (Regional Planning Commission)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Langenheim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. ELUC Committee meeting – November 7, 2013

MOTION by Mr. Harper to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Esry to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

None

VI. Communications

None

Ms. Berkson entered the meeting.

VII. Sustainable Water Management Plan Presentation

Scott Tess from Urbana Public Works presented Urbana’s Sustainable Water Management Plan. The PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the County’s website at <http://www.co.champaign.il.us/countybd/ELUC/2013/131205presentation.pdf>.

From a regional perspective, Ms. Petrie asked Mr. Tess what aspects of Urbana’s Sustainable Water Management Plan would be pertinent to the County. Mr. Tess responded that some possibilities may be regional management of the Mahomet aquifer, adoption of model water policies through a self-assessment of water conservation opportunities in County facilities and irrigation control on new construction. Ms. Petrie inquired about gray water usage. Mr. Tess replied that gray water use is not in Urbana’s plan because it is controlled by the State Plumbing Code. Ms. Petrie asked Susan Monte if Urbana’s Water Management Plan could have any carryover for the County’s Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP). Ms. Monte replied that there currently no water conservation measures in the LRMP.

Mr. Schroeder wanted clarification on the definition of recreational waters. Mr. Tess explained that the main bodies of water in Urbana are Crystal Lake and the Boneyard Creek. Recreational use includes boating, fishing, bird-watching and observing the body of water. Urbana is working on a recreational waters definition to differentiate between water retention areas and other man-made water features. Mr. Schroeder had concerns with the “Citizen Scientist” concept in that volunteers may forward their own agenda and how this data will be used. Mr. Tess cited Illinois River Watch that has several tiers of quality control related to the amount of training the citizens receive. Additionally, if many citizens are involved in this process, more data points will be generated which will expose any outlier numbers.

VIII. For Information Only

- A. Public Review Period Now Open for Active Choices (*Champaign County Greenways & Trails*) Plan
- B. Public Hearing and Public Comment Period for Proposed Illinois Department of Natural Resources Administrative Guidelines for Hydraulic Fracturing (“fracking”)

IX. Items to be Approved by ELUC for Recommendation to the County Board

- A. **Case 763-AM-13** – Recommendation to Approve a Zoning Map Amendment for David Anderson to change the zoning district from B-1 Rural Trade Center to AG-2 Agriculture on one acre – house and building located at 2270 CR 1300N, St. Joseph

MOTION by Mr. Schroeder to recommend for approval a map amendment to change the zoning district from B-1 Rural Trade Center to AG-2 Agriculture for David Anderson’s property located at 2270 CR 1300N, St. Joseph; seconded by Mr. Esry.

Mr. Esry commented that he was familiar with this property and thought it added value to tear down the older house and build a new one. Mr. Schroeder noted that the zoning change would lower the density from business to agriculture and supported this resolution.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

X. Item to be Approved by ELUC for Referral to ZBA

- A. Direction given to Zoning Administrator regarding a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to implement Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) Policy 8.6.4 implementing Illinois Department of Natural Resources recommended management practices for discretionary development sites that contain endangered or threatened species.

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to recommend approval of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) Policy 8.6.4 implementing Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) recommended management practices for discretionary development sites that contain endangered or threatened species; seconded by Mr. Esry.

Mr. Schroeder wondered who would do the actual checks on the enforcement of endangered species. Mr. Hall explained that if development is proposed in an area that IDNR had reports of an endangered species, the petitioner would have to work with IDNR to develop a protocol to protect the identified species. The LRMP is clear that science must be used to recommend a process specific to Champaign County. The wind farm in Vermilion County had to carefully place the wind turbines in relation to the endangered Indiana bat.

Upon vote:

Aye: 5 – Schroeder, Esry, Langenheim, Berkson, Petrie

Nay: 1 – Harper

MOTION CARRIED.

XI. Monthly Reports

- A. October 2013

MOTION by Mr. Esry to receive and place on file the Planning & Zoning Monthly Reports for October 2013; seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

XII. Other Business

Items to be Approved by ELUC

1. Recreation & Entertainment License: Tincup RV Park, Inc., 1715 E. Tincup Road, Mahomet – 1/1/14-12/31/14
2. Recreation & Entertainment License: Curtis Orchard Ltd., 3902 S. Duncan Road, Champaign – 1/1/14-12/31/14

Mr. Langenheim noted that the Sheriff has not yet reviewed these licenses so ELUC approvals must be contingent on the Sheriff's approval.

MOTION by Mr. Schroeder to approve the Recreation & Entertainment License for Tincup RV Park, Inc. contingent on the Sheriff's approval; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

MOTION by Mr. Esry to approve the Recreation & Entertainment License for Curtis Orchard Ltd. contingent on the Sheriff's approval; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder commented that the Sheriff has probably not been able to review these licenses due to the emergency situation in Gifford.

XIII. Chair's Report

None

XIV. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

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XV. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Esry to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Harper. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. There being no further business, Mr. Langenheim adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.